

**Senate File 2276 - Introduced**

SENATE FILE 2276  
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**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act relating to requirements for staffing and written  
2 occupancy agreements for assisted living programs and making  
3 penalties applicable.  
4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 231C.4A Limitations on personal  
2 communication devices.

3 If an assisted living program prohibits the use of a personal  
4 communication device intended to notify an emergency responder  
5 by a tenant, the program must have a nurse licensed under  
6 chapter 152 present on the premises at all times.

7 Sec. 2. Section 231C.5, Code 2009, is amended by adding the  
8 following new subsection:

9 NEW SUBSECTION. 4. A tenant may terminate an assisted  
10 living program occupancy agreement without penalty if the  
11 program imposes a new fee, charge, or rate or increases any  
12 fee, charge, or rate.

13 EXPLANATION

14 This bill requires an assisted living program to have a nurse  
15 present at all times if the program prohibits the tenant's  
16 use of a personal communication device intended to notify an  
17 emergency responder.

18 The bill allows a tenant in an assisted living program to  
19 terminate the occupancy agreement if the program imposes a new  
20 fee, charge, or rate or increases any fee, charge, or rate.

21 An assisted living program that substantially or repeatedly  
22 fails to comply with the provisions of the bill may be subject  
23 to denial, suspension, or revocation of its certification.